



Minutes

Red Mountain Event

Hosted by WA Department of Ecology

Hedges Cellars Chateau, 53511 N Sunset Road, Benton City WA
Thursday, July 1, 2010, 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

John Jaksch, President
Gene Huffman, Vice President
Patrick McGuire, Director
John Pringle, Director

Staff Present:

Charles Freeman, District Manager
Scott Revell, Planning Manager
Beth Smith, Deputy Operations Manager
Seth Defoe, GIS Specialist
Lynda Rosenbaum, Administrative Contracts Specialist
Fran Forgette, District Counsel
Doris Fiske, Executive Assistant

Opening remarks – Department of Ecology:

- Ted Sturdevant, Ecology Director, opened the meeting and made introductory remarks.
- Tom Tebb, Central Regional Office Director, discussed how the Red Mountain project delivers solutions that address the complexity of water management issues.

Red Mountain/Kiona Diversion Project briefing – Kennewick Irrigation District:

- John Jaksch, Board President, made introductions and thanked key players from the US Bureau of Reclamation, the Yakama Nation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Ecology.
- Scott Revell, Planning Manager, provided details on the Red Mountain/Kiona Project and thanked the Governor and the state for help with the water right and project funding.

Red Mountain Wine Growers Perspective:

- Jim Holmes spoke about the wine industry and the Red Mountain AVA master plan.

Benton County Perspective:

- Benton County Commissioner Leo Bowman spoke about the Red Mountain AVA vision and infra-structure needs.

Governor Remarks, others:

- Governor Chris Gregoire spoke about cooperation in addressing the challenges of water for the west and water's role in increasing Washington exports.
- Rogers Weed, Director, Washington State Department of Commerce, discussed key points of the Export Initiative.
- Dan Newhouse, Director, Washington State Department of Agriculture, spoke about the Farm to Market Initiative and the need to think creatively to address international and domestic competition.

Adjourn

Attest:

Witness:



John Jaksch, Board President



Charles Freeman, Secretary/Manager

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